

## To the Senate and House of Representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### The Memorial and Petition of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital.

*Respectfully shew,*

**T**HAT your memorialists have heretofore submitted to the General Assembly, a report of the receipts for, and expenditures upon, the new building, to the 18th. of the Twelfth-month, 1797, with a petition, dated the 28th. of the same month, for six thousand and seventy-eight pounds, five shillings and five pence, to finish and furnish the same.

And on the 6th. day of the Third-month, 1799, they laid before you an account, in detail, of the Loan-office fund of the year 1773, and requested your assistance to enable them to recover the arrears due thereon to the state.

In addition thereto they now offer you a report of the receipts for, and expenditures upon, the buildings, continued to the 25th. of the Eleventh-month, 1799.

Your memorialists forbear urging, at this time, to your consideration, the usefulness of the Institution under their care, referring you to their former memorial, hereto annexed, in which they have enlarged upon that subject; and, apprehending the Assembly must be convinced of its utility from their having already granted near twenty-five thousand pounds in all towards it.

Your memorialists think it may be proper to mention, that before the Contributors engaged in this undertaking, they presented you a plan of the contemplated erection, with an estimate of the cost that would probably attend it, from which they have not deviated; they accompanied these with a fair and plain declaration, that the funds of the Institution were insufficient to support more than a few poor patients, and that by the charter no part of its capital stock could be expended on the building; assurances were given to you at the same time, that your memorialists depended upon Legislative aid to compleat them.

With a knowledge of these facts, your memorialists expect you will not hesitate to perfect the work, which, by your own acts, you authorized them to begin, and enjoined them to do; and, as the contributors have bought and paid for the lots upon which the Hospital stands, and endowed it with a capital, at interest, of twenty thousand, eight hundred and five pounds, thirteen shillings and ten pence, and continue to manifest a benevolent disposition by new contributions and legacies, to extend its benefits to this and future generations, your memorialists think the Legislature of the opulent state of Pennsylvania have the most powerful inducements to comply with their petitions, by passing the necessary acts to enable them to recover the arrears of the Loan-office fund, and to grant them in cash six thousand and seventy-eight pounds, five shillings and five pence to settle the depending accounts, repay the monies they have borrowed, and to finish and furnish the buildings.

To

To conclude, your Memorialists introduce their annual accounts, which they submit to your Inspection, and as, by removing the seat of Government to Lancaster, the customary visits of the Members to the Hospital may be rendered more inconvenient than usual, your Memorialists think it proper to express their willingness to meet your Enquiries in that or in any place you will please to appoint, and to attend the visitations you may order to the Hospital, under any modification you may think fit to approve.

Pennsylvania Hospital, }  
Twelfth-month 14th. 1799. }

(Signed)

JOSIAH HEWES,  
SAMUEL COATES,  
SAMUEL CLARK,  
PATTISON HARTSHORNE,  
ELLISTON PEROT,  
LAWRENCE SECKEL,  
THOMAS MORRIS,  
ROBERT WALN,  
JAMES SMITH, junior.  
ISRAEL PLEASANTS,  
JOHN DORSEY,  
ROBERT SMITH, *Merchant.*

*The Committee appointed to prepare an account of the monies received from the Legislature of Pennsylvania, towards erecting Additional Buildings to the Pennsylvania Hospital, and of the consequent expenditures,*

## Report,

That by an account exhibited the eighteenth of the }  
Twelfth month, 1797, there was paid, - - } £18,883 0 3  $\frac{1}{2}$

Since which has been expended as follows:

For Lumber, - - - - -	£170	13	4
Smiths' Work, - - - - -	61	10	0
Stone Cutters' Work, - - - - -	280	2	2
Sand, Lime, Gravel, regulating ground, Labourers, &c. - - - - -	402	8	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Copper, Copper Bath and Boiler, - - - - -	37	4	9
Nails and Ironmongery, - - - - -	58	18	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Necessary, - - - - -	11	5	
Plumbing and Glasses - - - - -	200	6	10
Carpenters' Work, - - - - -	1060	13	10
Turners' Work, - - - - -	57	12	9
Bricks and Bricklayers' Work, - - - - -	416	8	1
Painters' Work, - - - - -	396	4	6
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Toward which expenditure, there has been }  
received—From the Loan-office funds of }  
1773, being part of the Legislative grant } £7986 14 1  
of £10,000 - - - - - }

And from C. Febiger late Treafurer, - - - - - 9375 0 0  

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£17361 14 1

This sum paid more than has been received }  
from the Legislature, is borrowed, - - - } - - - - 4674 14 6  $\frac{1}{2}$   
There is yet due on account not fully settled, }  
suppose, - - - - - } - - - - 1125 0 0  
To compleat the Buildings it is estimated }  
will require, - - - - - } - - - - 2291 16 10

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£8091 11 4  $\frac{1}{2}$

From this sum deduct, the balance of }  
£10,000 Loan-office fund which is to be }  
applied to the building, when collected } - - - - 2013 5 11

And there will then be wanting, in cash, to }  
finish the Hospital, besides the said balance }  
of the Loan-office fund this sum - - - } - - - - £6078 5 5  $\frac{1}{2}$

*Philadelphia, Eleventh-month, 25th. 1799.*

SAMUEL CLARK,  
THOMAS MORRIS,  
JOHN DORSEY.

Transcribed from the Minutes, by order of a Board of Managers, for the information of the Members of the Legislature of Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL COATES, Secretary.



## To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### The Memorial of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital.

*Respectfully sheweth,*

**T**HAT, in the beginning of the year 1751, a plan was presented to the Assembly, for a Public Hospital, for the benevolent purpose of receiving and accommodating, the lunatics and sick poor of Pennsylvania.

This plan was approved of by the Legislature, who showed a good disposition to carry it into effect, but they had some doubts of encouraging the building for fear, that individual contributions would not be raised in proportion to legislative aids.

A trial however was soon made—the Assembly gave in May following, two thousand pounds, towards erecting the eastern wing of the Hospital, embracing at that time the idea of extending it at a future day, whenever the circumstances of the province should require its enlargement: To this gift they annexed a condition, that the money should not be paid, until the contributors should raise by subscription an equal sum for the same use. This was soon done, and in a short time more was subscribed than the act required. The institution was then organized, and twelve Managers, a Treasurer, and six Physicians were chosen, who freely undertook the service of the House, for the sake of the sick and suffering poor. A charter was also procured, which provided, that Committees of the House of Assembly should visit the Hospital, whenever it appeared proper to them, that the annual accounts should be submitted to the House, that the laws and rules, for the election of Managers and Physicians should be approved, by the Chief Justice and Attorney General—and finally, to shew, that every object of the contributors tended to the public weal, a clause was inserted, by which the Hospital, with all its property was to escheat to the province, in case the contributors should fail. Thus in the early settlement of Pennsylvania, the Hospital took its rise, the Legislature became its patron, and every humane citizen, its friend.

By a combination of public and private exertions of so many charitably disposed people in the province, the Managers were enabled to finish the eastern apartments; but the two thousand pounds which the Assembly gave, and the first contributions that were raised, were expended in the building; it therefore became necessary to procure a reimbursement of this money to the capital stock: for which reason the Managers petitioned the Assembly to replace it. The prayer of this petition was readily granted, by which eventually, the Legislature had the exclusive honor, of raising the first asylum of the kind, that was known in the state, if not in the Union, for the most afflicted and helpless class of people, both in body and mind. To the humane citizens of Pennsylvania and to many benevolent persons in England, and in other parts of the world, the credit of endowing the institution with funds to support it, unquestionably belongs.—Such liberality is not to be found in the annals of this country. in which a private association of gentlemen, who had no personal emoluments in view, have freely subscribed a productive stock of twenty thousand five hundred and eighty five pounds, ten shillings and four pence, for the use of the poor. In addition to this sum, they have added to the Hospital estate, two valuable  
lots

lots of ground, to be kept open for ever for the benefit of fresh and wholesome air for the patients. To prove that the contributors have rendered this important service to the country, the Managers can appeal to the annual accounts which were rendered to your predecessors in the year 1774, all of which they presume are carefully preserved among the archives of the state.

About this time the affairs of the Hospital were in a prosperous condition—when alas! by events inseparable from the war which occasioned the late revolution, the contributors lost above ten thousand pounds—this shock in the infancy of the institution, paralysed the active operations of the Managers for several years, but as the native, benevolent spirit of Pennsylvanians was yet alive to the miseries of their suffering fellow-citizens, the Managers were encouraged to re-assume their labors. And now when peace returned to heal the wounds of a long war, and the lap of industry was filled with the profits of agriculture and commerce, the Managers fought for new contributions, which they received from many charitable citizens; by these means the capital was partly restored, so that in 1793, it amounted to seventeen thousand and sixty-five pounds eleven shillings and ten pence.

At this time it became indispensably necessary to enlarge the Pennsylvania Hospital, so as to admit a greater number of lunatics who with other patients were increased with the growing population of the state, and for whom the old apartments of the house were inconvenient and wholly insufficient.

To effect this enlargement of the building the Managers submitted a new plan, nearly resembling the original plan of the Hospital, with an address to the Legislature. They approved thereof, and gave ten thousand pounds towards carrying it on, to be paid out of the Loan-Office fund of the year 1773.

Of this sum the Managers have received but,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£7696	14	1
In addition to which, on a further application the Legislature,												
gave in 1796,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9375	0 0

Those monies, amounting to	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£17071	14	1
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are the total amount of all the cash received from the Legislature to this time, for the above purpose, and they are all expended in carrying on the work.

In addition to what has been already procured, there will be wanted, agreeably to a report of the building Committee, which is now submitted to the consideration of the House, viz.—

To pay the money that is borrowed,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£181	6	2
To pay unsettled accounts,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2000	0	0
And to finish the building,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4570	5	2

Total required to complete the estimate, is	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£8381	11	4
Of this sum the Managers are in hopes to collect the balance remaining due of the £10,000 given from the Loan-Office fund,												
viz.—	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2303	5 11

There will then be wanted, in cash,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	£6078	5	5
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to complete the whole, besides the £2303 5 11, which is to be applied to the same use when collected.

The Managers further represent to the Legislature of the state, that chiefly by the monies they have given them, the east and western apartments of the Hospital are closed, and that about fifty-two lunatic patients, besides others, are now accommodated in them; but the middle house, which is the proper center of communication with all parts of the family, is open to the roof, the outward walls only being carried up, so that the valuable work that is already done, with many materials provided to carry it on, are exposed to the weather and in danger of being destroyed.

Considering

Considering this, and that former Assemblies have thought the institution of so much importance to the state, as to give towards the whole building, at different times, twenty-five thousand pounds of the public money, to raise it to its present condition, the Managers are unwilling to believe, that the Legislature will desert it in this imperfect situation, when about six thousand pounds will probably secure the benefits their predecessors intended their constituents should derive from the liberal contributions they have already made.

The Managers therefore, in behalf of the contributors, apply for six thousand and seventy-eight pounds, to finish the House. And when they call your serious attention to the records of this useful institution, which have been faithfully laid before the Legislature every year, for more than forty years past. When they remind you that the numerous and various cases which are attended in the Hospital have been the means of alluring Students from every state in the Union, and thereby of spreading the reputation of Pennsylvania with medical knowledge, to distant parts of the world—and lastly, when you find, (which is a truth upon record) that the contributors to this institution have assisted about nine thousand inhabitants of the state whose citizens you now represent, who have been afflicted with madness, casualties, and almost every disease that affects the mind and bodies of men, and that they have been the means of preserving several thousand of the lives of those distressed people, they trust and believe you will not require a more powerful address to your feelings than this appeal, to induce a cheerful and ready compliance with the prayer of this, their earnest petition.

Signed by order of a Board of Managers,

JOSIAH HEWES, President.

SAMUEL COATES, Secretary.

*Twelfth-month 28th, 1797.*



*The Committee, appointed to prepare an account of the monies received from the Legislature of Pennsylvania, towards erecting additional buildings to the Pennsylvania Hospital, and finishing the same, and of the expenditures of the said buildings,*

## Report,

That by an account rendered the thirtieth of the First-month, 1797, it appears there was paid to that time on the buildings  $\text{£}14618\ 8\ 7\frac{1}{2}$

Since which there has been expended, as follows:

For Ironmongery and Smiths' work, - - -	290	13	5
Stone Mason and Stone Cutters' work, - - -	87	0	8
Bricks and Brick laying, - - -	635	2	8
Copper, - - - - -	346	4	0
Carpenters' work, - - - - -	718	19	0
Painting and Glazing, - - - - -	375	0	0
Labourers' wages, - - - - -	65	12	6
Scaffold Poles and Ropes, - - - - -	35	2	3
Lime, Sand and Carters' bills, - - -	197	11	8
Beer for the whole time and raising, - - -	65	16	10
Lumber, - - - - -	697	8	8
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	<hr/> $\text{£}18883\ 0\ 3\frac{1}{2}$		

That there has been received, towards the above—

From the Loan-office funds of 1773, part of the Legislative grant of ten thousand pounds, of which 2303 5 11 is yet uncollected, - - -	7696	14	1
And from C. Febiger late Treasurer of the state, 25000 dollars, - - - - -	9375	0	0
	<hr/> 17071 14 1		

The sum paid more than received from the Legislature, is borrowed, and is - - - - -	$\text{£}1811\ 6\ 2\frac{1}{2}$
On accounts not fully settled, it is supposed there may be due, - - - - -	2000 0 0
To compleat the estimate of the building, it will require, - - - - -	4570 5 2

From this sum, which is the amount of the estimate rendered last year, viz. - - - - -	$\text{£}8381\ 11\ 4\frac{1}{2}$
Deduct the balance of $\text{£}10000$ given from the Loan-office fund, which is to be applied to the building, when collected, viz. - - - - -	2303 5 11

And, there will then be wanting, in cash, to finish the Hospital, besides the balance of the Loan-office fund, - - - - -	$\text{£}6078\ 5\ 5\frac{1}{2}$
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THOMAS MORRIS,  
SAMUEL CLARK,  
THOMAS PENROSE,  
JOHN DORSEY.

*Philadelphia, Twelfth-month, 18th. 1797.*

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SAMUEL COATES, Secretary.

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